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THE NEW BLOOMFIELD CONVENTION.

There is every reason to expect that the Convention at New Bloomfield next Tuesday and Wednesday will be the best ever held in this District. Our Association should send a full delegation. Members desiring to attend should consult with our Secretary. Delegates from this neighborhood will take the 1.30 train on Tuesday afternoon. The first meeting will be held at 4 00 P. M., in Mr. Willis' parlor, to be followed by a public meeting at night in one of the churches. The ladies will provide a lunch for the delegates together at noon on Wednesday. State Secretary Taggart will be present. Let each Association in the District be well represented.

DISTRICT VISITATION.

The District Committee have arranged to visit a number of the Associations preparatory to the District Convention. Messrs. Peddicord and McConaughy will hold meetings at Sherman's Dale this (Saturday) evening, Landisburg, Sunday, and Green Park Monday. Mr. McCauley and others will visit the Newport Association Monday evening, and State Secretary Taggart and others the Association at Millerstown the same evening. On Thursday evening a public meeting will be held at Middletown, to be addressed by the State Secretary and others

COTTAGE MEETINGS.

The Cottage Prayer Meetings close with the present week. This work has not been as vigorously prosecuted this season as heretofore, and yet it has not been without encouragement.

THE programme for the General Secretaries' Conference, to be held at Chicago, June 9-13 has been received, and gives promise of a most profitable gathering.

NOVEL AND PROFITABLE.

The Service of Song last Sunday was of special interest. The leader departed from the usual order by giving sketches of some of the great English hymn-writers, followed by the singing of hymns of their composing. Watts, Doddridge, Toplady, Wesley, Faber — their lives and influence – were thus sketched, to the great interest and profit of the audience, and the service will doubtless help those who heard it to "sing with the spirit and with the understanding also."

Rev. J. M. Speese will conduct the service on this Sunday.

GOOD NEWS FROM NEWPORT.

The Association at Newport is greatly encouraged in its work for the boys. Mr. J. E. Mitchell, who has been the leader in this branch of their work, writes us, "since December last we have had an average attendance of sixty boys every Saturday evening. There has been a marked improvement in their behavior and interest in the devotional part of the meetings. Ten or twelve of the boys have given themselves to the Lord." We commend this to the attention of other Associations in small towns in this region.

THIRTY-ONE young men attended our Young Men's Meeting on last Saturday evening, and the service was enjoyed by all present. The Committee propose to support this meeting with faithfulness and vigor during the warm months, and earnestly desire the attendance and help of all young men who belong to the Association. Try to be on hand this evening.

A LETTER from the boys of the Wilkes-Barre Association was read to our boys on last Monday evening, and Master Bertie Meily was appointed to answer it.

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MR WM. N. BESSEY, the new Secretary of the Bradford Association, has entered on his work with much encouragement. A series of Gospel Temperance meetings, now being conducted there under the leadership of Mr. Sawyer of New York City, are being accompanied by a large number of conversions.

THE Reading Association has been reorganized with Mr. G. A. Nicolls as President. Mr. Coon is retained as General Secretary.

WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS.

The Workers' Training Class closed for this season on last Thursday evening with a most admirable paper by Mr. James F. Purvis on "How to conduct a Bible Class and give a Bible Reading." We regret that more of our members were not present to be benefited by it.

It was determined to continue the class as a Young Men's Bible Class, taking up subjects of special helpfulness to Christian workers, and returning to the old hour of 9 o'clock on Sunday Mornings. The class will be conducted by our General Secretary. A course of study has been prepared for the next three months covering topics connected with the way of salvation and the life and work of the Saviour. The first meeting will be held on Sunday morning, May 2d. Our young men are urged to connect themselves with this class.

A large lot of books which have been in the hands of the binders have been placed on our Library shelves.

The work of preparing the new catalogue has been completed, and the manuscript placed in the printer's hands.

LITERARY SOCIETY.

PROGRAMME FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 30.

Reading.....U. M. Weaver
Essay.....Wm. McCormick
Declamations..... { Horace Chayne, Charles Meck.

Debate—QUESTION: Did Julius Cæser deserve his death?

AFFIRMATIVE,	NEGATIVE,
Parker N. Smith,	Charles Weeber,
Stewart P. Keeling.	Wm C Beck.

RAMBLING CLUB.

About twenty young men have handed in their names as members of the Rambling Club. These, with any other of our members who desire to join, are requested to meet in the Parlors on Tuesday evening next at 7:30 to adopt rules and make necessary arrangements. The Executive Committee appointed at the last meeting will submit a programme of excursions for the Saturdays in May.

THE Reading Circle continues to prosper under Rev. Buoy's leadership.

OUR MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 1880.

SUNDAY	9.00 A. M.	Service in County Jail. C. A. Kunkel.
April 25.	1.30 P. M.	Mission Sunday School at Lochiel.
	3.15 "	Service of Song—Association Hall. Rev. J. M. Speese.
	3.30 "	Service at Home for the Friendless. H. C. Demming.
	5.00 "	Bible Class (Colored). Charles May. Calvary Baptist Church, corner William and Colder streets.
	6.00 "	Service at City Hospital. Charles R. Gumpert.
MONDAY	7.00 "	Boys' Entertainment. Musical.
	8.00 "	Meeting of Boys' Committee.
TUESDAY	8.00 "	Railroad Men's Cottage Prayer Meeting. Amos Coover's, 1820 N. Fifth street
WEDNESDAY	8.30 "	Meeting of Employment Committee.
	9.00 "	Meeting of Service of Song Committee.
THURSDAY	7.00 "	Sunday School Teachers' Bible Class. Rev. J. T. Judd.
FRIDAY	7.00 "	Boys' Prayer Meeting. William Dietrich.
	7.30 "	" Literary Exercises. Readings, Recitations, &c.
	7.30 "	Reading Circle. "English History and Literature." Rev. C. W. Buoy.
	7.30 "	Association Choral Class.
	8.00 "	Members' Literary Society. Reading, Declamations and Debates.
SATURDAY	8.00 "	Young Men's Meeting. U. A. Poffenberger.
EVERY WEEK-DAY	8.00 A. M.	Daily Prayer Meeting.
	9.45 P. M.	Evening Prayers in the Parlors.

THE DAILY MORNING PRAYER MEETING

Is held in the Reading Room every morning, except Sunday, at 8.00 o'clock, closing at 8.30.

TOPICS AND LEADERS FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY ..... *God's Love to Us Free and Undeserved.* Deut. vii:6–8; Eph. ii:2–5; I John iv:19. M. Blitz.

TUESDAY ..... *Faith in God and Fear of Difficulties Contrasted.* Num. xiii;17–33; xiv:1–9. Jacob M. Boyd.

WEDNESDAY ..... *Benhadad's Folly in Resisting God.* II Kings vi:8–17. George A Lippincott.

THURSDAY ..... *The Withering of the Fruitless Fig Tree.* Mark xi:12–14, 20–24. John C. Lynch.

FRIDAY ..... *Salvation Provided for the Desperate and the Abandoned.* I Cor. vi:9–11. James K. Dumars.

SATURDAY ..... *The Transfiguration.* Matt. xvii:1–13. James McConaughy.

EVERYBODY IS INVITED TO ATTEND

JAIL WORK.

There were over fifty present to assist at the Jail Service last Sunday morning. Mr. F. R. Wardle made an earnest address and the singing was delightful. In visiting the cells afterwards, to distribute religious reading matter, the members of the committee are much encouraged to find the evident interest taken by the prisoners in the service.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE ON DUTY FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 1880.

MONDAY—Robert Gotta, J. H. Berkley.
TUESDAY—W. A. Zollinger, G. H. Houser.
THURSDAY—L. W. Fleming, H. Gerhardt.
FRIDAY—J. H. Wagner, C. Y. Fink.
SATURDAY—E. W. S. Parthemore, J. B. Simon, Jr.

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WE have received a few of the magazines asked for in a recent number of the BULLETIN, but have not been able, as yet, to secure the balance, and if any of our friends can supply them would esteem it a great favor.

MR. F. S. COOPER, of Green Park, writes us that the new Association at Landisburg is progressing finely. The following are its officers: President, H. D Fetter; Vice President, Jas. Murray; Secretary, W. B. Diven; Asst. Sec., Milton Gibson; Treasurer, Thomas Graham.

THE attendance at the Morning Prayer Meeting shows an encouraging increase, but there is still room for more.

THE London Association held its Thirty-fifth annual meeting at Exeter Hall on the 15th inst. A new branch called the East Central has been opened at 31 and 32 King William street.

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